



Love's Reach

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§1. The Genius Girl's Love

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THAT MAN...

...SWEEPS EVERY
WOMAN...

...OFF HER FEET.



AND YET
YOU HAVE
NO REACTION!
JUST WHAT I'D
EXPECT FROM
THE GENIUS
ICE QUEEN!

YOU'VE
GOT THE
TOP SCORE
AGAIN,
YUNI!

Wow!

Damn it,
I lost.

Midterm Exam
Top Students

1. Yuni Kururugi 752/800
2. Saki Satou 741/800
3. Masao Miyake 738/800

WOW!

I
DID
IT!
♪

DESPITE
APPEAR-
ANCES,
I'M HAPPY.

YUNI
KURURUGI,
SIXTEEN
YEARS
OLD.

FOR REAL!
JUST ONE
CIGARETTE
AND I'M
YOUR
PRISONER!



Light up again so I
can take a picture to
send to my friend!

YOU LOOK
REALLY
COOL RIGHT
NOW,
HARUKA-
CHAN!

HARUKA-
CCHI IS
A GOOD
TEACHER,
THOUGH.

Besides, you
got a hundred
on everything
else, so who
cares?

I'VE
GOTTEN
WORSE
EVER SINCE
THAT GUY
BECAME MY
TEACHER.

I GOT
FIFTY-TWO
POINTS ON MY
ENGLISH EXAM,
THOUGH...

WHISPER

HMM?
YEAH,
YOU'VE
ALWAYS
BEEN
BAD AT
ENGLISH.

WHAT'S
THAT
ABOUT
YOUR
TEACH-
ER?



Oh! ♪
Haruka-
chan!

YOU'RE
SO
CHEEKY.

YOU NEVER
CHANGE.
YOU'RE STILL
BADMOUTHING
YOUR HOME-
ROOM TEACHER,
COLD AS ICE.



COME
TO THE
COUNSELOR'S
OFFICE
AFTER
SCHOOL.

PUFF



YOU
SMELL.

グイ
GRAB



Fine
with me!
It's such
a grown-
up scent!

...

IT'LL
RUB OFF
ON ME.



!!

YOU'RE
SO CUTE.
♪

WE
DON'T
GET
ALONG
WELL.

...HE
APPEARED
A YEAR AND A
HALF AGO AS
A SUBSTITUTE
FOR A TEACHER
ON MATERNITY
LEAVE. HE'S
MY TEMPORARY
HOMEROOM
TEACHER.

SENSEI,
WHAT
ABOUT ME?
AM I
CUTE?

ALL
GIRLS
ARE
CUTE.
♡

Oh!

LET'S
GO.

HARU-
KA
SAKU-
RAI
...



WHY DOES
A GUY LIKE
THAT GET TO
LOOK PRETTIER
THAN ANYONE
ELSE IN THE
WORLD?

BUT...



WH-

WH-

IN TWO
MONTHS,
HE WON'T
BE OUR
TEACHER
ANY-
MORE.

SO
WHY DO
YOU ACT
THAT WAY
TOWARD
HIM?

YUNI, YOU
ACTUALLY
LIKE
HARUKA-
CHAN,
DON'T
YOU?

BEAUTY
IS A
SCARY
THING.

WHEN I MEET
HIS EYES,
IT MAKES
ME FORGET
ALL ABOUT
LEARNING
ANYTHING.

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That's
complicated.

I FIND
EVERYTHING
ABOUT HIM
UNPLEASANT
EXCEPT FOR
THE WAY HE
LOOKS.

DON'T
GET THE
WRONG
IDEA,
NAMI-
CHAN.



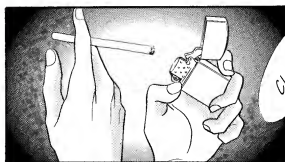
THERE-
FORE, IT'S
INACCURATE
TO SAY THAT
I LIKE
HIM.

YOU
TAKE
THINGS
WAY TOO
SERIOUS-
LY.



HE
INTERACTS
WITH THE
STUDENTS
IN A VERY
UNPROFESSIONAL
MANNER.

HE
SMOKES
WHEREVER
HE WANTS
AND DOESN'T
CONSIDER
WHETHER HE'S
BOTHERING
OTHER PEOPLE
OR NOT.



CLICK



...
...I
START
HEARING
A LOT OF
THINGS
FROM THE
HIGHER
UPS.

I
ALWAYS
KNEW
HE ONLY
CARED
ABOUT
HIMSELF
...



I'M IN A
TIGHT SPOT.
KURURUGI,
WHEN A STAR
STUDENT
GETS LOW
GRADES...

DO
YOU KNOW
WHY I
ASKED YOU
TO COME
HERE?



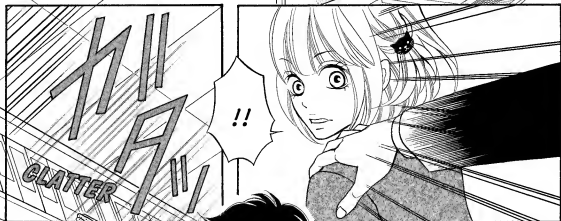
SO
I'LL BE
GOING
NOW—

WAIT.

I'VE
COME TO
HATE IT EVEN
MORE AFTER
YOU BECAME
MY TEACHER,
SAKURAI-
SENSEI.

I'VE
GIVEN UP
ON EVER
GETTING
A GOOD
GRADE IN
ENGLISH.

EVER
SINCE
GRADE
SCHOOL,
ENGLISH
HAS BEEN MY
ONLY BAD
SUBJECT.



CLATTER

!!



MAYBE
YOU'RE
REALLY JUST
TRYING TO
GET MY
ATTENTION.

HAVE
YOU BEEN
GETTING
ANSWERS
WRONG ON
PURPOSE?



He looks unbelievably cute when he does that thing with the glasses.

INSIDE
HER BRAIN



→
RATIONAL
YUNI

←
INSTINCTUAL
YUNI



How can one person be that self-absorbed ?!

...



YOU HIT ME JUST NOW.

Although I do consider it a privilege to be hit by a girl.

LET ME BE PERFECTLY CLEAR. I HATE YOU.



THE RATIONAL SIDE WON

SMACK

!!



HITTING
A TEACHER
IS AGAINST
THE RULES,
YOU KNOW.

AS PUNISH-
MENT, COME
TO THIS
OFFICE AFTER
SCHOOL FOR
THE FORE-
SEEABLE
FUTURE.

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CLACK



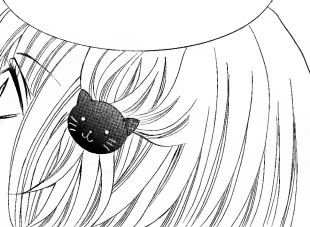
HUH
?

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CLACK



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POKE

*I'm going to
teach you English.*



OKAY,
LET'S
GET
STARTED
RIGHT
AWAY.

HURRY
UP AND
TAKE A
SEAT.

SMIRK
にや
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WHAT
?

NOT AT ALL.

...CONCLUDES MY LECTURE ON USING SUBORDINATE CONJUNCTIONS TO CONNECT NOUN PHRASES.

DO YOU UNDERSTAND EVERYTHING SO FAR?

TICK
7
TOCK
7
AND THAT ...

English

WHAT'S THE PURPOSE OF IT?

THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN. I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU'RE DOING THIS.

THE PURPOSE?

Are you really a genius?

SERIOUSLY?
YOU CAN'T EVEN GRASP SOMETHING LIKE THIS?

...



YOU'RE
THE ONLY
ONE I HAVEN'T
REALLY
CLICKED
WITH YET.

I'M YOUR
HOMEROOM
TEACHER. I
WANT TO GET
TO KNOW YOU
BETTER.



...HE
INTENTION-
ALLY SET
THINGS UP
TO TURN
OUT LIKE
THIS?

SO...

...

JUST
KIDDING.



WH—

I GUESS
IT DID GIVE
ME THE
CHANCE
TO WIN YOU
OVER,
TOO.



?!
HAVE
YOU
EVER
LAUGHED
OR
CRIED?

I THOUGHT
IT WOULD BE
FUN TO SEE IF
I COULD GET
A REACTION
OUT OF THE
GENIUS ICE
QUEEN.



...DEFINITELY
WON'T LET
HIM THROW
ME OFF MY
GAME.

IT'S A
SECRET.

HMPH

フ
ン...

B-BUT HE
LOOKS LIKE
THE MOST
BEAUTIFUL
PERSON IN
THE WORLD
AGAIN
TODAY...



You are
like a kitten.

Or something.

FOR
EXAMPLE,
IF I WAS
GOING TO
USE IT
ABOUT YOU,
KURURUGI,
I'D SAY...



WHAT'S A
"kitten"?

SO
IN THIS
CASE
...

... "LIKE"
IS BEING
USED TO
MEAN
"RESEMBLES
SOME-
THING."



Keyword

○ ENGLISH

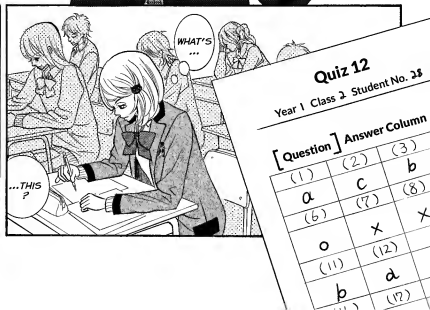
kit • ten [kɪtn]

[noun] [C] (plural ~S/-Z)

1. koneko

<baby talk> nyanko (kitty)

LO
BEEP



Quiz 12		
Year 1 Class 2 Student No. 28		
[Question]	Answer Column	
(1)	(2)	(3)
a	c	b
(6)	(7)	(8)
o	x	x
(11)	(12)	
b	d	
(13)	(14)	



WELL,
I GUESS
IT WOULD
BE OKAY TO
ACKNOWLEDGE
HIS TEACHING
SKILLS JUST
A LITTLE
BIT.

TEN
MORE
MINUTES.



CLATTER

OH.
THE FIRST
SNOW OF THE
YEAR. THEN
SHOULD WE
END THINGS
HERE FOR
TODAY?

SNOW.

OH.

Counselor's Office

I
WISH I'D
BROUGHT
MY
JACKET.

IT'S
COLD
OUT,
ISN'T
IT?



!



YOU'RE
LETTING
ME
BORROW
THESE?

?

UNFORTU-
NATELY,
I DON'T
HAVE ANY
GLOVES.

BUT
THEN
YOU'LL
CATCH A
COLD,
SENSEI.

IT'S
FINE. I
HAVE MY
CAR.

Was
that
what
you
had
in
mind,
all
along?

In
exchange,
you can
wash
them
for me.

FLOP

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AND IT
SMELLS
LIKE CIGA-
RETTES.

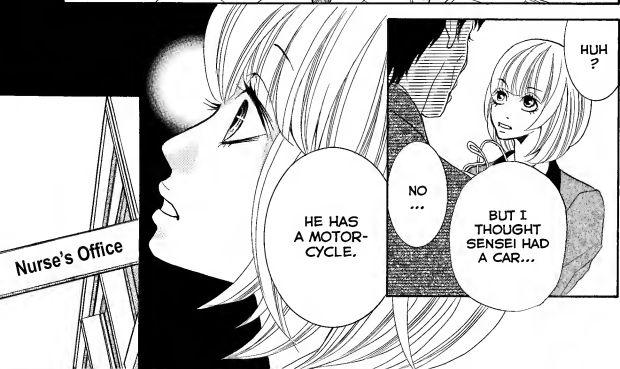
IT'S
WARM,
BUT IT'S
TOO BIG
...

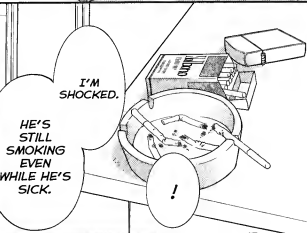
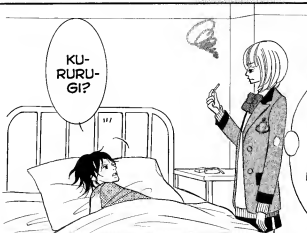
STOP

IT'S
WEIRD.

...

IT FEELS
LIKE I'M
TOTALLY
SURROUNDED
BY HIM.







SENSEI,
DON'T!

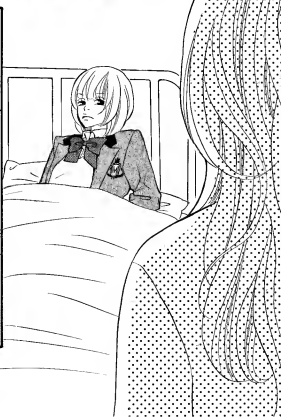
YOU
CAN'T
SMOKE
SO
MUCH!

GASP

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EXCUSE
ME!

SQUEEZE



BECAUSE
I'M NOT
GOING
TO BE THEIR
HOMEROOM
TEACHER
MUCH
LONGER.

SORRY.
THANKS
FOR
SAVING
ME.

WHY
DID YOU
HIDE?

LATELY,
IT'S BEEN
MORE
OF AN
ISSUE IF
THEY'RE
AROUND
ME TOO
MUCH.

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 sigh

I'M
SORRY
FOR OVER-
REACTING
EARLIER.

YOUR
CIGA-
RETTE
...

NOW
THAT HE
MENTIONS
IT, THAT'S
TRUE.

...?
WHY?
ARE YOU
MAKING
FUN OF
ME?

...BUT
YOU
REALLY
SUR-
PRISED
ME
JUST
NOW.

FOR A LITTLE
WHILE NOW, I'VE
BEEN WATCHING
YOUR VARIOUS
REACTIONS,
KURURUGI, AND
IT'S BEEN
INTERESTING
...

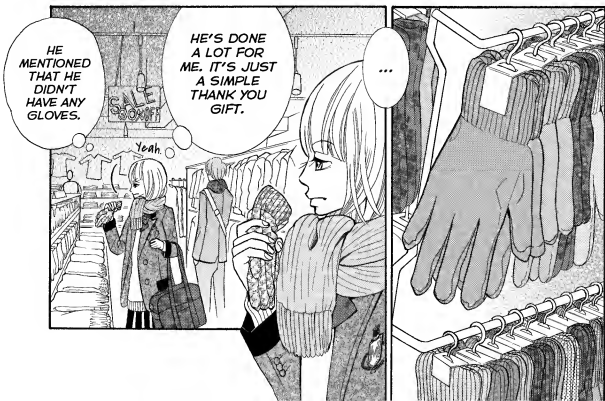
NO,
I'M
NOT.

?!



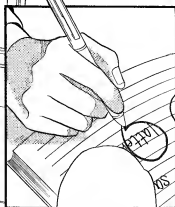



**JUST ONE CIGARETTE
AND I'M YOUR PRISONER.**



NOW
YOU'VE
CAUGHT UP
TO WHERE
WE ARE IN
CLASS, SO
TODAY'S
OUR LAST
DAY.

YOU
REALLY DO
CATCH ON
QUICKLY.



CORRECT.

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SEN-
SEI.



If there's
anything you don't
understand again,
come ask me after
class, okay?



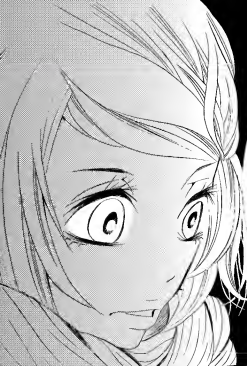
IT'S JUST
A SIMPLE
THANK YOU
GIFT. THERE'S
NO DEEPER
MEANING
BEHIND IT.



IT'S A
PAIR OF
GLOVES.

THIS...
IS FOR
YOU.





THEN
I DON'T
WANT IT.



IT'LL
MAKE
IT SEEM
LIKE I
TREAT YOU
SPECIAL,
WON'T IT?

WHY
CAN'T
YOU
TAKE
IT?

IF IT WAS
FOOD, IT
MIGHT BE
ALL RIGHT,
BECAUSE AT
LEAST THAT
DOESN'T
STICK AROUND.





WHAT'S
THIS?
DOES
THAT
UPSET
YOU?



HAVE
I?



FALLEN
FOR
HIM?

COULD
IT BE
YOU'VE
FALLEN
FOR ME?



I WAS
ONLY NICE
TO YOU
BECAUSE
THAT'S MY
JOB.

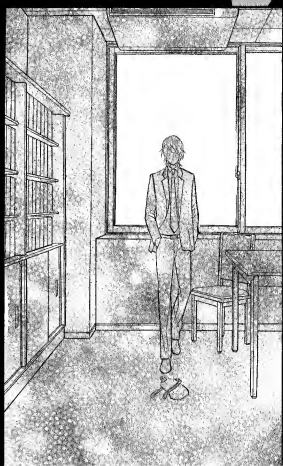


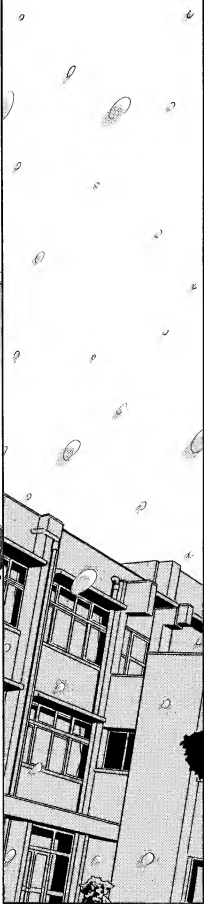
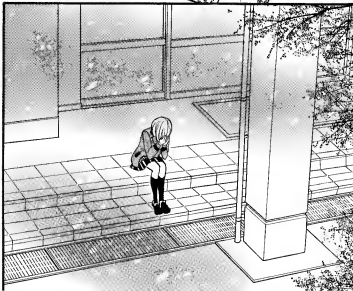
FEELINGS
LIKE THAT
ARE JUST
A MISUN-
DERSTAND-
ING.

YOU
SHOULD
BE ABLE
TO UNDER-
STAND
THAT MUCH,
RIGHT?

BUT
HONEST-
LY? THIS
IS PRETTY
BORING.

I LIKED
THE ICE
QUEEN
BETTER.

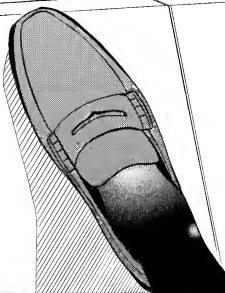
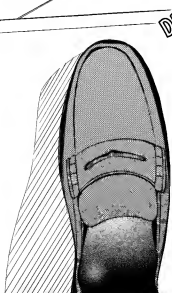






MY
EMOTIONS
HAVE
NEVER
FELT THIS
OUT OF
CONTROL.

I WONDER...
WHEN
WAS THE
LAST
TIME I
CRIED?

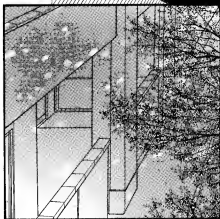


WE'RE IN
A DIFFERENT
CLASSROOM IN
THE AFTER-
NOON, SO
...

HUH?

OH.

I
THOUGHT
FOR SURE
YOU WEREN'T
COMING TO
SCHOOL
TODAY,
YUNI.







**HOLD
IT RIGHT
THERE!**



**WHY
IS HE
CHASING
ME?**

**KURU-
RUGI!**







YOU'RE
JUST
GOING TO
SAY MEAN
THINGS
TO ME,
SENSEI.

I
DON'T
WANNA.

BAM

Don't look
yourself
in the
bathroom.

You
damn
cat!

YOU
DON'T
"WANNA"
?

DON'T
GIVE ME
THAT
CHILDISH
CRAP!



OH,
REALLY
?



THEN
FORGET
IT.

SQUEAK



I
WON'T.

SO
JUST
COME
OUT
FOR
NOW.

DON'T
WANNA!









...I'M
THINKING
OF PICKING
UP THIS CAT
I FOUND,
TOO.

WHAT
DO YOU
THINK?

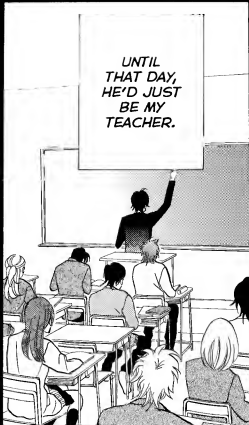




...PLEASE.



"PICK UP
THAT CAT,
PLEASE."



UNTIL
THAT DAY,
HE'D JUST
BE MY
TEACHER.

HE
WOULDN'T
MAKE A
MOVE UNTIL
I WAS NO
LONGER HIS
STUDENT.

SENSEI
AND I
MADE A
PROMISE.

...I
would
have
turned
you
down,
though.

If
my job
wasn't
about to
end...



NOTE:
DESPITE
APPEARANCES,
SHE'S
INCREDIBLY
SHOCKED.



SO I'M
STILL GOING
TO BE YOUR
HOMEROOM
TEACHER.

NOW WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN?

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§2. The Genius Girl's Q&A



"...THAT'S
WHEN THINGS
CAN TRULY
BEGIN."

"WHEN I LEAVE
THIS SCHOOL IN
A MONTH..."

*Q: IF THE TEACHER WHO MADE THAT
PROMISE ENDS UP STAYING EMPLOYED
AT THAT SCHOOL, WHAT WILL HAPPEN
TO THEIR RELATIONSHIP?*

A: I'M STILL FIGURING THAT OUT...



LET'S
ALL KEEP
GETTING
ALONG.

...YOUR
HOMEROOM
TEACHER IS
HAVING A
SECOND CHILD,
SO I'LL BE
SUBSTITUTING
FOR HER
A LITTLE
LONGER.

AS
IT SO
HAPPENS
...



SO
YOU'LL BE
AROUND
FOREVER,
HARUKA-
CHAN?

SHRIEK

REALLY
?!



CAN WE
START
CLASS
NOW?

There
she
goes.

SORRY,
BUT WE WERE
SUPPOSED TO
START CLASS
THREE MINUTES
AND TWENTY-
THREE
SECONDS
AGO.

?!

RAISE
7

SENSEI
?



DESPITE
APPEAR-
ANCES,
I'M REALLY
UPSET.

YUNI
KURURUGI
(THE SO-
CALLED
GENIUS ICE
QUEEN).

TH-
THIS IS A
PROBLEM.



OH.

DING
#

1-2
DONG
7



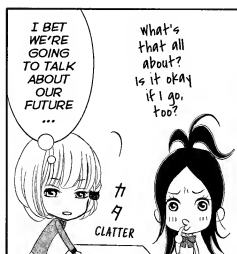
KURURUGI,
COME
TO THE
COUNSEL-
OR'S
OFFICE.



WHAT
DOES HE
PLAN TO
DO...

Yes, yes,
we'll get
started,
Cheeky-
chan.

...ABOUT
OUR
RELATIONSHIP
NOW?







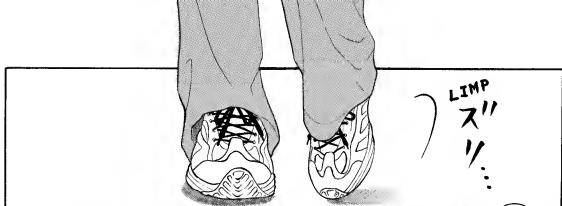


...OR DOES
HE WANT
TO FORGET
ABOUT IT ALL
TOGETHER?

SMACK

WHOOSH

THIS IS A
DIFFICULT
QUESTION,
WITH VERY
LITTLE
PRECEDENT.





RIGHT,
SENSEI?

The hell
did you
say? I'll
knock your
freaking
teeth out,
bitch.

FORMER-
GANG
GIRL

WE'VE GOT
WAY MORE
OF A CHANCE
THAN YOU
TWO, WHO'RE
JUST HIS
STUDENTS.

YEAH,
THAT'S
TRUE.

WHAT
WAS
THAT
?

Wait
up!

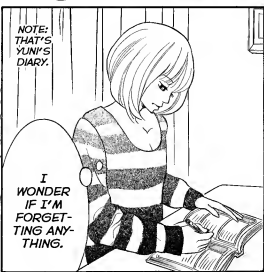
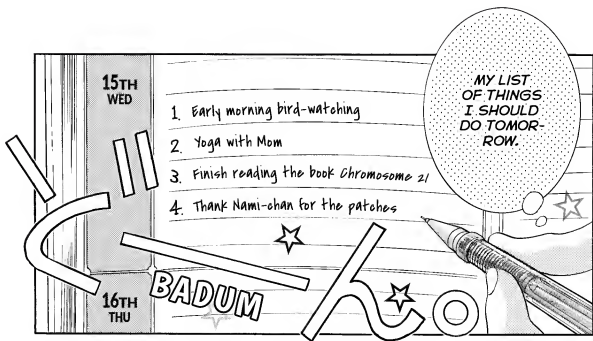
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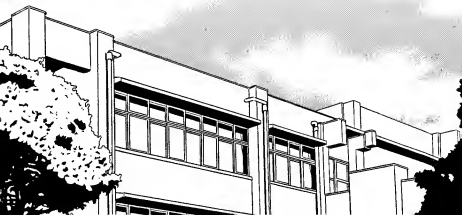
YUNI?

TURN
↳
↳





5. Ask sensei about our future

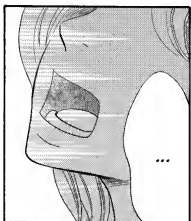


I HAVE
TO GET HIM
TO GIVE ME
A CLEAR
ANSWER
SOON.



DID YOU
CALL ME
OUT HERE
BECAUSE
YOU NEED
SOME-
THING?

WELL?



...BUT
WHAT DO
YOU THINK
ABOUT...

I'VE
BEEN
THINKING
ABOUT
THIS
FOR A
WHILE...





I'M
SORRY.
IT'S A BLUE
KIND OF
DAY, SO I'M
NOT IN THE
MOOD TO
DO THAT.

...

KURU-
RUGI-
SAN,

WE'RE
HAVING
TROUBLE
IN MATH.
CAN YOU
HELP US
WITH IT AFTER
SCHOOL?

A BLUE KIND OF DAY...

PLEASE!
IT WON'T
TAKE
LONG!

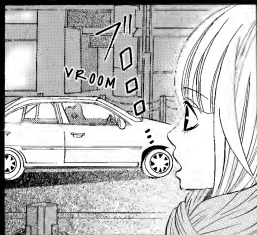
You're
so
cute,
Kururugi-
san.

!

AHA-
HAHA!

YOU CAN
STILL MAKE
JOKES EVEN
WITH A FACE
LIKE YOURS!





I HAVE
TO GET
HOME
SOON
AND DO
YOGA
WITH
MOM.

IT GOT
REALLY
LATE
WHILE
I WAS
TEACHING
THEM.



SENSEI!



MY
LIST OF
THINGS
TO DO
...



GRIT





NOTE:
THE THEME SONG
FROM ROCKY IS PLAYING
IN HER HEAD RIGHT NOW!

...IS
ABSOLUTELY
MANDATORY!



SKRR

SKRR

HUFF

HUFF

HEY.

KURU-
RUGI
?!



SHOCK



I HAVE
TO TALK
TO YOU.

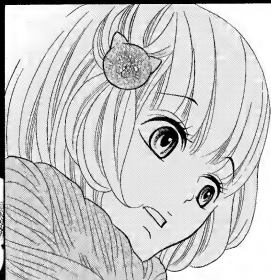


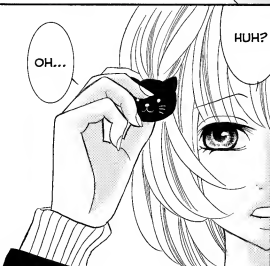
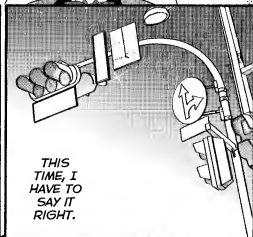
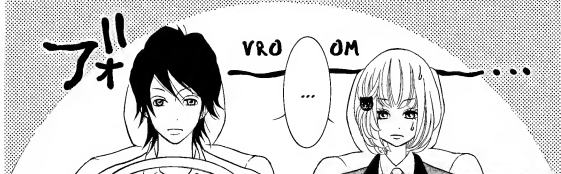
SNOT'S
DRIPPING
FROM
YOUR
NOSE!

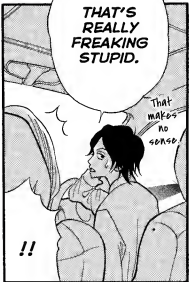


Yeah
I PREFER
RIDING MY
MOTORCYCLE,
BUT THE
WIND IS TOO
COLD IN THE
WINTER.

SENSEI,
YOU
COMMUTE
TO WORK
IN A CAR?







THAT'S
REALLY
FREAKING
STUPID.

That
makes
no
sense.

!!



IT'S...
BECAUSE
I'M ALWAYS
SO EXPRES-
SIONLESS.

SO I
THOUGHT,
AT LEAST
I CAN
WEAR
SOME-
THING
CUTE.



I'M
ALWAYS
WATCHING
YOU
CLOSELY
...



...SO YOU
DON'T NEED
SOMETHING
LIKE THAT.





OH.



BY THE
WAY, WHAT
DID YOU
WANT
TO TALK
ABOUT?



SENSEI,
WHAT DO
YOU THINK
ABOUT OUR
FUTURE?

WHAT DO
YOU LIKE
ABOUT ME IN
THE FIRST
PLACE,
KURURUGI?

WHAT
ABOUT
YOU,
THOUGH?

HUH?

HMM?

≡
≡
≡
CREAK

UH...
UM.

I
DIDN'T
THINK HE
WOULD
TURN THE
QUESTION
AROUND
ON ME
...

UH.

IF THERE
WAS A PRIZE
FOR MOST
BEAUTIFUL
PERSON IN
THE WORLD,
HE'D WIN
IT HANDS
DOWN!

W-
WELL
...

OH, HE
REALLY
IS BEAU-
TIFUL.

S
W
E
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BLUNT

...Y-YOUR
FACE.



HA!

HUH?

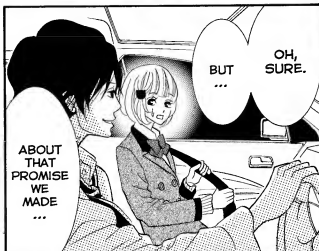
BUT I
WONDER
IF THAT'S
ENOUGH
TO MAKE
SOMEONE
FALL IN
LOVE?

MY
FACE,
HUH?

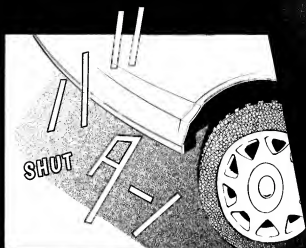
SO IT
WAS MY
FACE.

HUH?

YOU'RE
JUST LIKE
THOSE
OTHER
STUDENTS.



LET'S
JUST STAY
AS TEACHER
AND STUDENT
FOREVER.

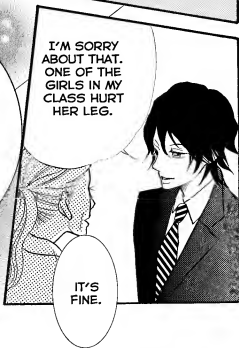
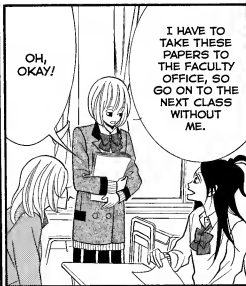


FORGET
THAT
PROMISE
EVER
HAPPENED.





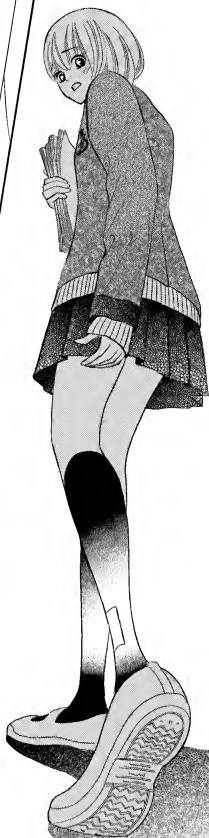






"I'M
ALWAYS
WATCHING
YOU
CLOSELY
..."

WHAT
SHOULD
I DO?





I
DON'T
WANT TO
GIVE UP
ON HIM.

HOMEROOM
IS STARTING.
IF YOU WANT TO
GET HOME ON
TIME, HURRY
UP AND GET IN
YOUR SEATS.



TUG

TUG



HUH?

Hello!

HARUKA-
CHAN, YUNI
DISAP-
PEARED!



TUG



SHE
HASN'T
COME BACK
FROM THE
OTHER
CLASSROOM.
ISN'T THAT
WEIRD?





けい
ゆ
SQUEEZE





No. _____
Date _____

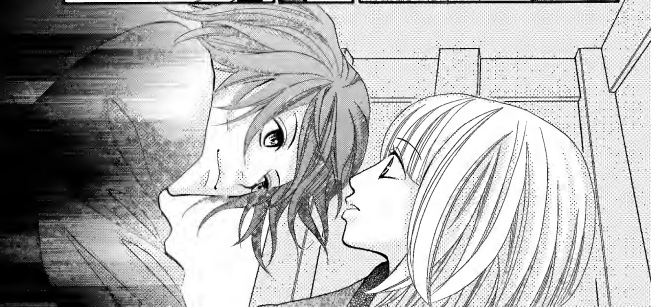
Thank you for the patches.
I know that was how you
show your kindness.

LET THIS GET ACROSS
TO HIM SOMEHOW.



No. _____
Date _____

That's why
I love you.



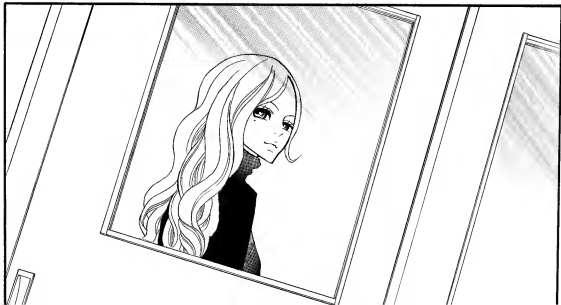


Q:
IF THE
TEACHER
ENDS UP
STAYING
EMPLOYED
AT THAT
SCHOOL,
WHAT WILL
HAPPEN TO
THEIR
RELATION-
SHIP?



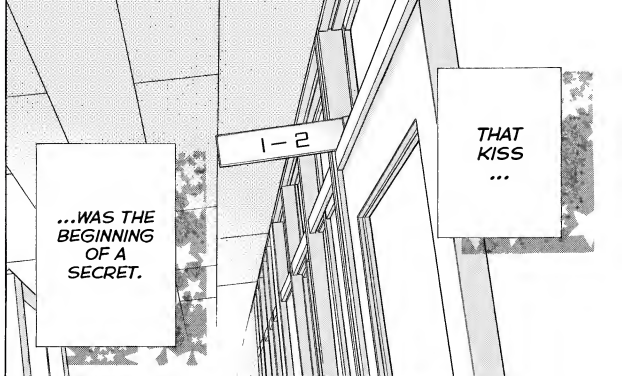
WHISPER



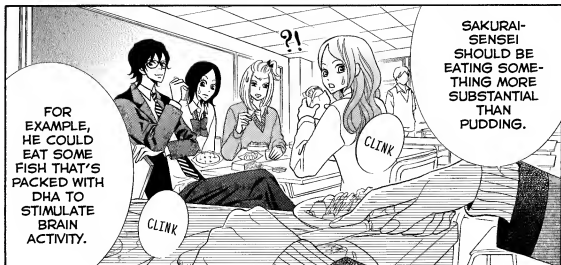




§3. The Genius Girl's First Date



Love's Reach







DESPITE APPEARANCES, I'M VERY HAPPY.

YUNI KURURUGI.
(A SUPER-NATURALLY TALENTED GENIUS.)





...HAVE
STARTED
DATING.

...IS BECAUSE
SENSEI AND I

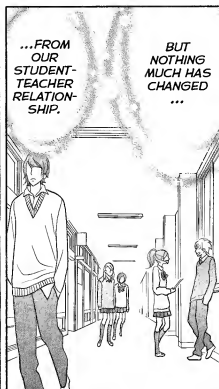
...

"ONCE SOME THINGS HAVE BEEN SET IN MOTION,
THERE'S NO STOPPING THEM..."



HE-
HEHE.

I
WONDER
HOW WE
COULD
BECOME
MORE
LIKE A
COUPLE.



...FROM
OUR
STUDENT-
TEACHER
RELATION-
SHIP.

BUT
NOTHING
MUCH HAS
CHANGED
...



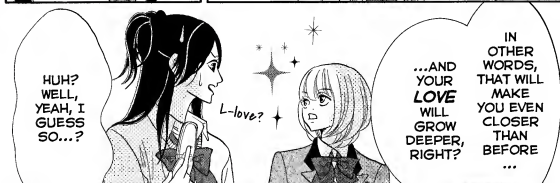
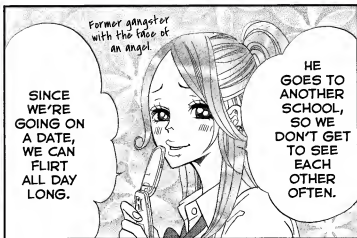
...WITH
MY BOY-
FRIEND.

I
JUST
GOT A
DATE
...

Oh,
nothing...

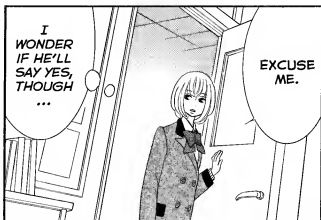
WHAT?

You were
here?

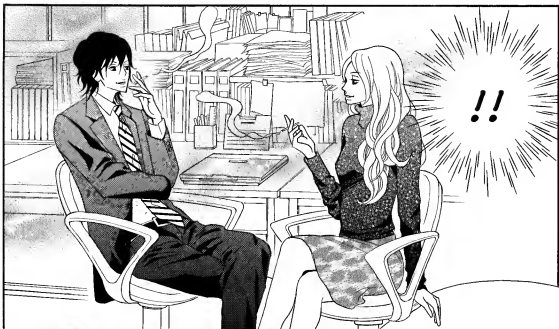




I
WONDER
IF HE'LL
SAY YES,
THOUGH
...



EXCUSE
ME.



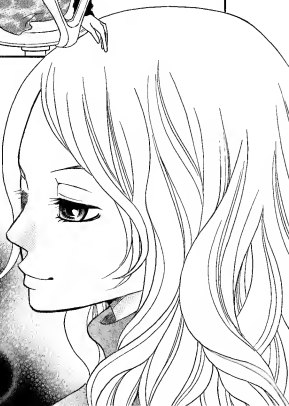
I HAVE
SOME-
THING I
NEED TO
ASK YOU
ABOUT,
SAKURAI-
SENSEI.

SORRY
TO INTER-
RUPT.

WHO
IS THAT?

OH.

OH!



NOTE:
YUNI LOVES
LUPIN III,
WHICH
HAS A
CHARACTER
WITH A
SIMILAR-
SOUNDING
NAME.

!!
FUJIKO
MINE?

HEHE

I SHARE
OTHER
THINGS IN
COMMON
WITH
FUJIKO.

PEOPLE
MAKE
THAT
MISTAKE
A LOT.

Oh...
KURURUGI,
THIS IS KOU
MINEFUJI,
A SENIOR
HOMEROOM
TEACHER.

?!
Like
a doll

YOU'RE THE
GIRL GENIUS
YUNI KURURUGI,
AREN'T YOU?
THIS IS MY FIRST
TIME SEEING YOU
UP CLOSE!

You're
so
cute!

GRAB

FOR
EXAMPLE,
I ALWAYS
GET WHAT
I WANT...
NO MATTER
WHAT.

OH.

THIS
TEACHER
...



...GIVES
OFF THE
SAME
SCENT AS
SAKURAI-
SENSEI.



THERE'S
THAT HOT-
AND-COLD
GIRL I
KNOW.



YES,
I DO.

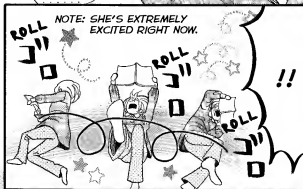
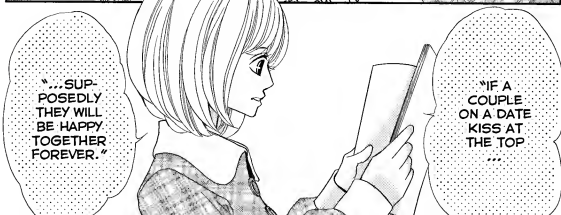


OKAY.



LET'S
GO ON A
DATE.





...THAT
GOING ON A
DATE WAS SO
EXCITING.

I BET
SHE'LL
SHOW UP
RIGHT ON
TIME.

i'm
sleepy...

He hates being
lectured for
being late, so
he came
early.

THREE
SECONDS
LEFT...
TWO...
ONE...

SENSEI.

Bingo.

SHOCK
きょ



HELLO.

WHEN
I THINK OF
RED, I THINK
OF LITTLE
RED RIDING
HOOD.

WHAT'S
UP WITH
THAT
OUTFIT?

HUH?

I FORGOT
TO WRITE
MY NAME
ON MY
WATER
BOTTLE.

OH.

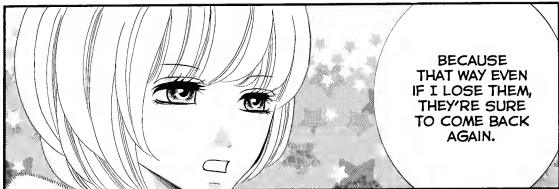
?

YEAH
...

DON'T
TELL ME
YOU HAVE
YOUR NAME
WRITTEN
ON EVERY-
THING
YOU OWN?

カチカチ
カチカチ

CLICK
X Z
X O





SAKURAI-
SENSEI
AND
KURURUGI?

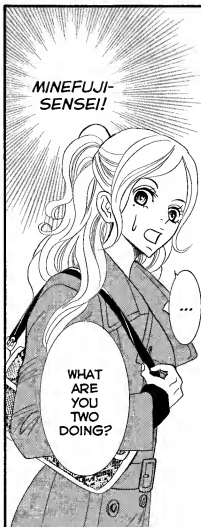
I WAS
JUST SO
EXCITED
ABOUT
GOING
ON THE
DATE.

THAT'S
RIGHT. I
NEVER EVEN
THOUGHT
ABOUT THE
POSSIBILITY
THAT SOME-
ONE MIGHT
SEE US.

OH,
WELL
...



MINEFUJI-
SENSEI!



WHAT
ARE
YOU
TWO
DOING?

ACTUALLY,
I'M GOING
ON MY FIRST
DATE SOON,
AND I ASKED
HIM TO
REHEARSE
WITH ME SO I
DON'T MESS
IT UP.

I RE-
QUESTED
IT.





WHY
ARE YOU
SPACING
OUT?

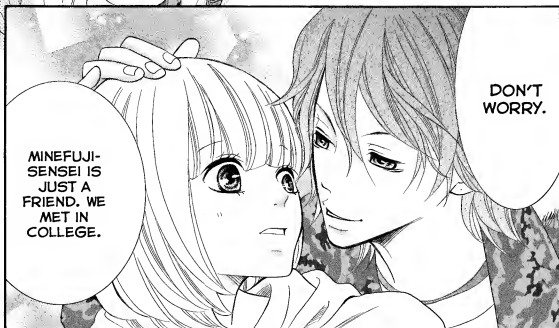
!



Isn't
that merry-
go-round
cute?

...

SHE
CALLS
HIM BY
HIS FIRST
NAME.

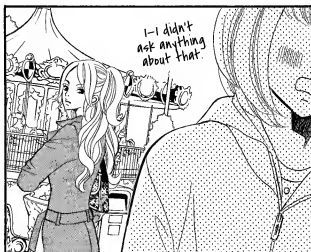


MINEFUJI-
SENSEI IS
JUST A
FRIEND. WE
MET IN
COLLEGE.

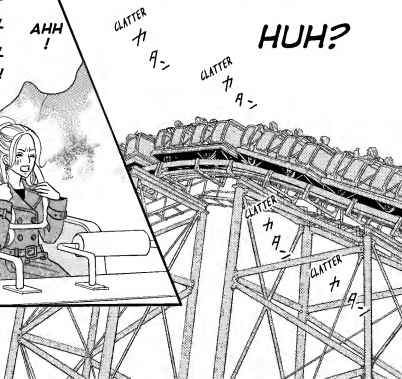
DON'T
WORRY.



KURU-
RUGI-
SAN?



I-I didn't
ask anything
about that





...HAS A CRUSH...

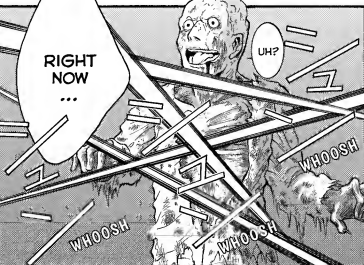
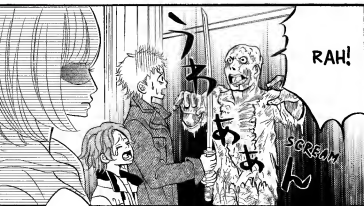
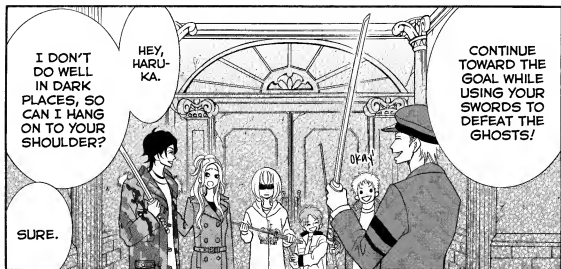
AHHHHH!

WOOM

...ON
SAKURAI-
SENSEI?!

MINEFUJI-
SENSEI...

SHAKE





...I'M
FEELING
PRETTY
AWFUL...



?!

PHEW
ふう。

Hey
big bro,
is she
even
human?

EEP!

...SO
CAN YOU
PLEASE
BE
QUIET?

NOTE:
YUNI HAS A
BIT OF AN
INTEREST IN
SWORDPLAY.



WOMEN

ニ//
ヤ
FSHHH

I WONDER IF
MINEFUJI-
SENSEI IS
GOING TO
TELL HIM
HOW SHE
FEELS.

WHAT
WILL
HAPPEN
IF SHE
DOES?

ふき
WIPE
ふき
WIPE

THIS
ISN'T HOW
IT WAS
SUPPOSED
TO BE!

No, I'll ride
by myself.

STARE
!!

Kururugi
want to
ride the
go karts
together?

...

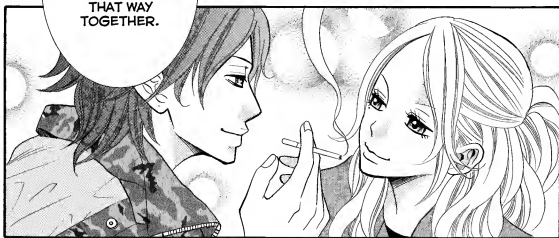
AHAHA
HEEHEE

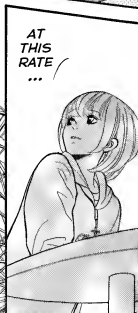
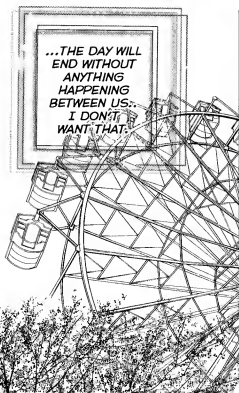
HEY,
LOOK AT
THOSE
TWO.

WHAT
WOULD
SAKURAI-
SENSEI'S
ANSWER
BE...?



THEY LOOK
PRETTY AS
A PICTURE,
SITTING
THAT WAY
TOGETHER.









NO
WAY IN
HELL AM
I RIDING
IT.



SORRY
TO KEEP
YOU WAIT-
ING!



YEAH,
SURE.

YAY!

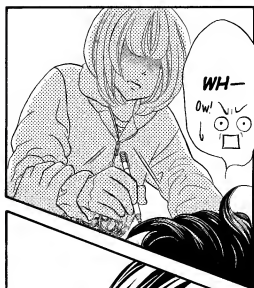
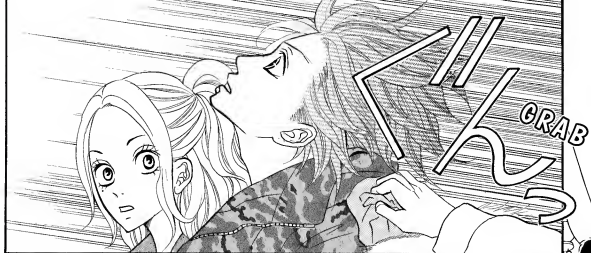
WHY
DON'T WE
MAKE THE
VIKING
RIDE OUR
LAST ONE?

It's the
boat ride.

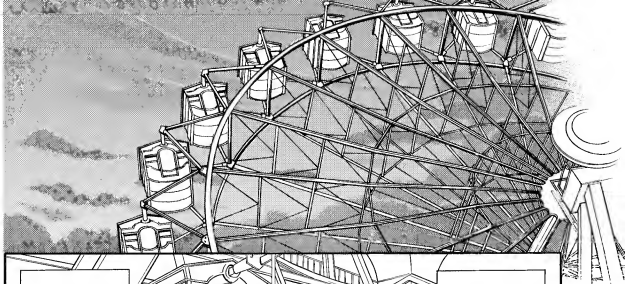


Let's
test
out if
you get
seasick
or not!

Hurry up,
Kururugi-
san!

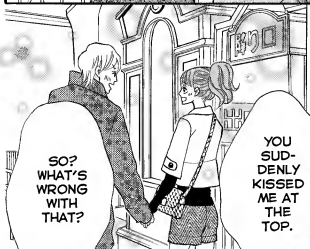






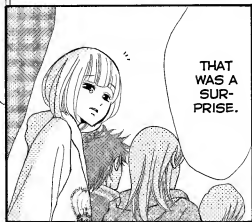
...BUT
NOW HE
PROBABLY
HATES
ME.

I
FINALLY
GOT TO
GO ON
MY FIRST
DATE...

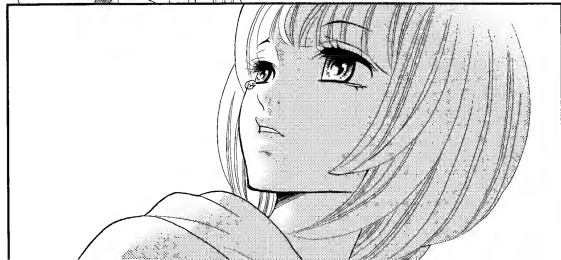


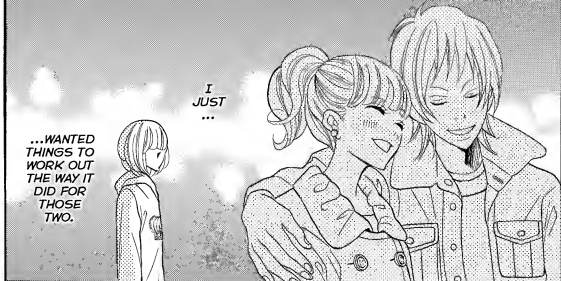
SO?
WHAT'S
WRONG
WITH
THAT?

YOU
SUD-
DENLY
KISSED
ME AT
THE
TOP.



THAT
WAS A
SUR-
PRISE.





I
JUST
...

...WANTED
THINGS TO
WORK OUT
THE WAY IT
DID FOR
THOSE
TWO.



MISS?

DON'T
SPACE OUT!
THERE'S
PEOPLE
BEHIND
YOU.

ARE
YOU
GETTING
ON OR
NOT?

THERE'S
NO POINT
IN RIDING
IT BY MY-
SELF.

Next!

ENTRANCE

...



LIFT



WE'RE
GETTING ON
TOGETHER.

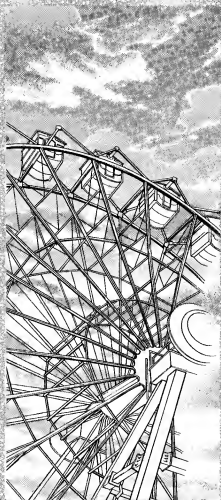
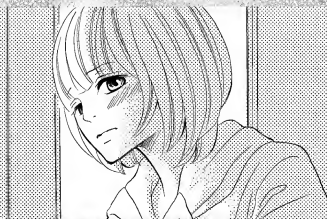
Oh,
you
are?

!!

SENSEI!



18 HUFF





SENSEI...
WHAT
HAPPENED
TO MINEFUJI-
SENSEI?



YOU'RE
GOOD
FRIENDS,
RIGHT?

IS
THAT
OKAY?

I LEFT
HER BEHIND,
SO SHE
PROBABLY
TOOK IT
UPON HER-
SELF TO GO
HOME.

HMM?
I DON'T
KNOW.

NOT
REALLY.
WE'RE
JUST
FELLOW
COL-
LEAGUES.

?

HUH?



BUT...



WHAT
ARE YOU
SO UNEASY
ABOUT?





YOU
WROTE
YOUR NAME
ON ME SO
I'D COME
BACK,
RIGHT?

BRUSH

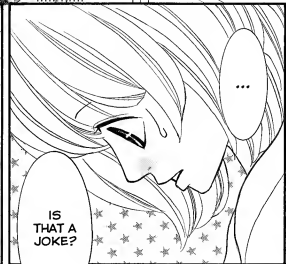
Yuni Kururugi

I
BELONG
TO YOU,
RIGHT?

"BECAUSE
THAT WAY EVEN
IF I LOSE THEM,
THEY'RE SURE
TO COME BACK
AGAIN."

Yuni Kururugi







YOU
SHOULD
HAVE
TOLD
ME...

I'M AN
ADULT!
HOW LAME
IS BEING
AFRAID OF
HEIGHTS?



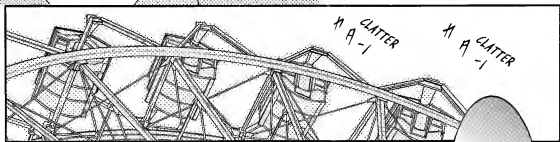
ROLLER
COASTERS
ARE BAD,
TOO, BUT
THIS IS
WORSE
BECAUSE
IT'S SLOW.

SEE?
MY HANDS
ARE SHAK-
ING!

Look!

SHAKE
IT'S 3

SHAKE
IT'S 3



AA-1 GLATTER

AA-1 GLATTER



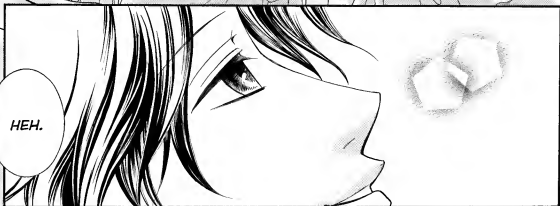
SO...

...WHAT
I WAS
WORRIED
ABOUT
WASN'T
THE FERRIS
WHEEL
EFFECT.



WE JUST
REACHED
THE TOP.

SENSEI,



HEH.





THANKS
FOR GOING
TO THE
THEME
PARK WITH
ME.

SURE.

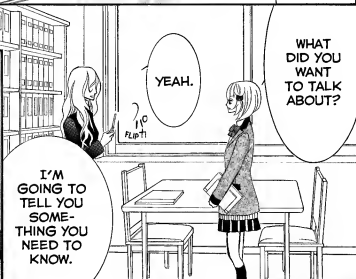
IT'S FINE.
I HAVE SOME-
THING MORE
IMPORTANT TO
DISCUSS. DO
YOU HAVE A
MINUTE?



MINE-
FUJI-
SENSEI



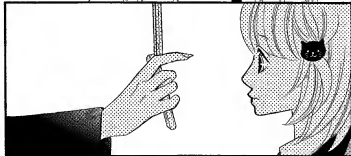
KURU-
RUGI-
SAN.



YEAH.

WHAT
DID YOU
WANT
TO TALK
ABOUT?

I'M
GOING TO
TELL YOU
SOME-
THING YOU
NEED TO
KNOW.





I KNOW
YOU TWO
ARE
DATING.



IF YOU
DON'T
BREAK
UP WITH
HIM...

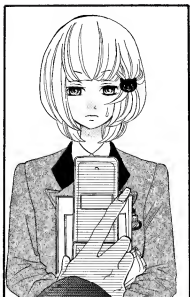
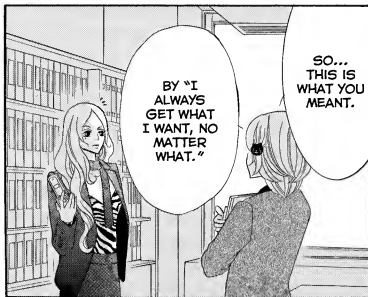
...I'LL
TELL
EVERY-
ONE.



§4. The Genius Girl's Decision

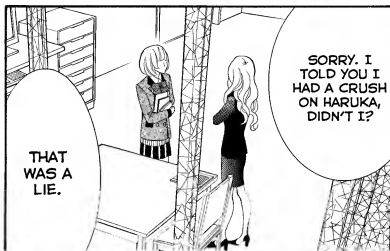


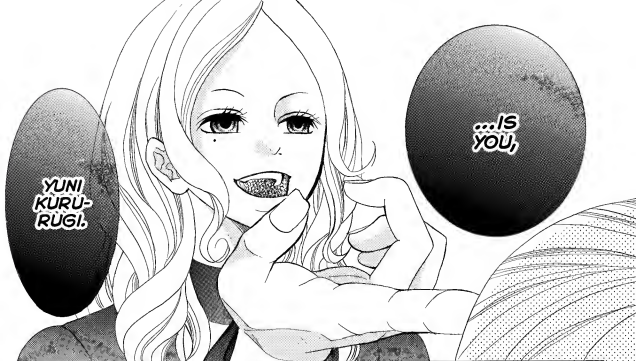
Love's Reach



...I'M
EXPERIENCING
THE BIGGEST
CRISIS OF MY
LIFE RIGHT
NOW.

IN HER
HEAD,
YUNI IS
PRAYING
TO THE
HEAVENS
FOR
ASSIS-
TANCE.





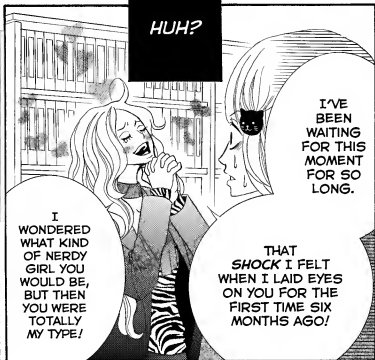
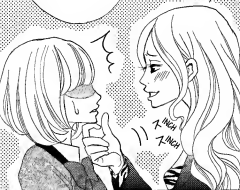
**YUNI
KURU-
RUGI.**

**...IS
YOU,**



YOU'RE
NOT JUST A
GENIUS, YOU
ALSO HAVE
PHYSICAL
PROWESS.
THAT'S
EXACTLY MY
IDEAL.

**COLD AS
ICE, WITH A
DOLL-LIKE
FACE AND
A DELICATE
BODY.**



HUH?

I
WONDERED
WHAT KIND
OF NERDY
GIRL YOU
WOULD BE,
BUT THEN
YOU WERE
TOTALLY
MY TYPE!

I'VE
BEEN
WAITING
FOR THIS
MOMENT
FOR SO
LONG.

THAT
SHOCK I FELT
WHEN I LAID EYES
ON YOU FOR THE
FIRST TIME SIX
MONTHS AGO!



NO.

Sensei,
you
prefer
women?

S-



YOU
GETTING
WITH HARUKA
WASN'T
SOMETHING I
EXPECTED
...

SWEAT
SWEAT

...BUT I WAS
CONCERNED
ABOUT HOW I
WAS GOING TO
GET YOU FOR
MYSELF, SO I
THOUGHT THIS
WOULD BE MY
CHANCE.



WHAT
I'M
INTO
IS...

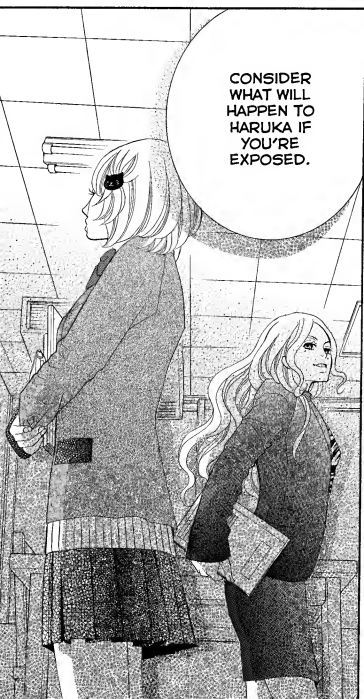
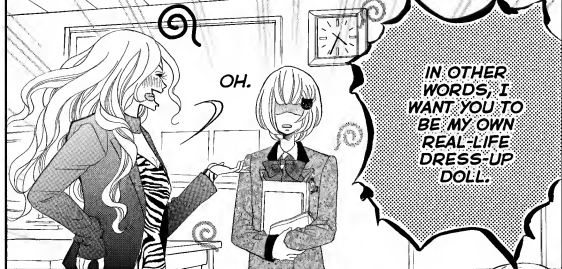
GLARE

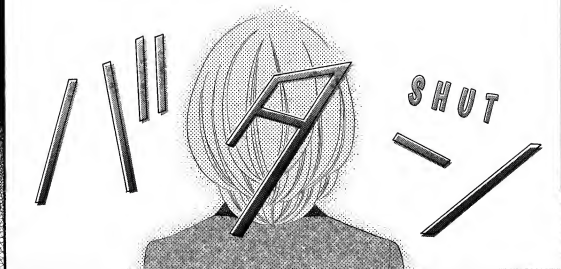


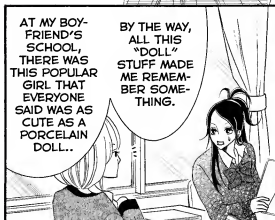
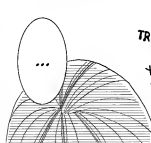
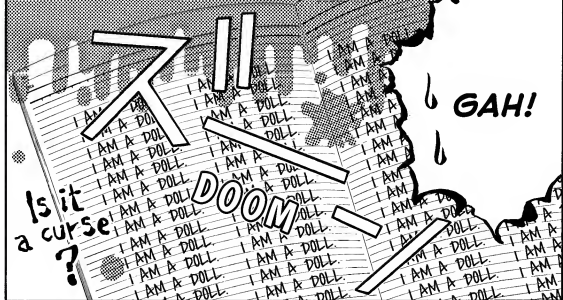
MWA
HA
HA!

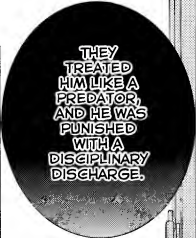
There,
I said it!

...COL-
LECTING
FIGURES
OF BEAUTI-
FUL ANIME
GIRLS!









THEY
TREATED
HIM LIKE A
PREDATOR,
AND HE WAS
PUNISHED
WITH A
DISCIPLINARY
DISCHARGE.



AND
NOW THE
WHOLE
SCHOOL IS
FREAKING
OUT OVER
IT.

I
GUESS
IT GOT
OUT.



WHAT
HAPPENED
TO THE
HOMEROOM
TEACHER?

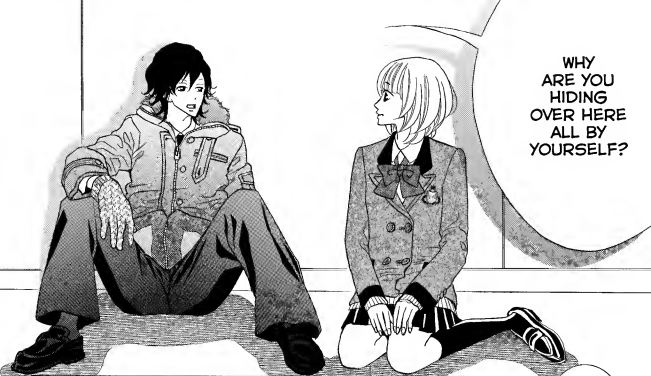
WH-

OH.



"...WHAT WILL
HAPPEN TO
HARUKA IF YOU'RE
EXPOSED."

"CONSIDER..."



WHY
ARE YOU
HIDING
OVER HERE
ALL BY
YOURSELF?



MAKE
SURE TO
KEEP
WARM!

You're so
dumb.

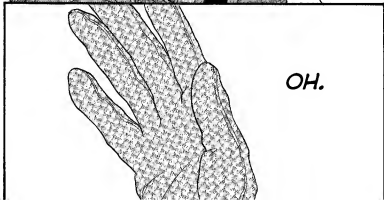
PLACE
ぽ

WHOA!
YOUR
HANDS
ARE ICE
COLD.



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ぽ
SLIP

IT'S
JUST
ONE,
BUT
STILL.



OH.



S-

SENSEI.

THOSE
THIN
CLOTHES
CAN'T BE
KEEPING
YOU WARM
ENOUGH.



I
DON'T
WANT
TO SAY
IT.

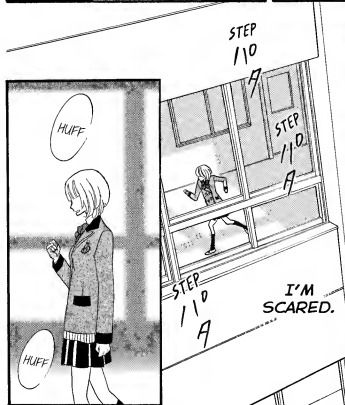
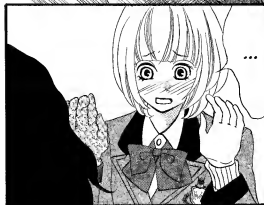


HARUKA-
CHAN,
WHERE
DID YOU
GO?

!!

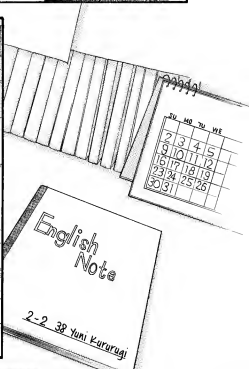
BUT...

YOU'RE
ACTING
A LITTLE
WEIRD
TODAY.



...I WON'T
BE ABLE TO
PROTECT
SENSEI.

IF WE
DON'T
BREAK
UP...





Back
to
normal?

...



キリ
SERIOUS

...FOR MY
STRANGE
BEHAVIOR
THIS AFTER-
NOON.

I
APOLOGIZE
...



THE
GLOVE?

OKAY.
IT'S ABOUT
THE GLOVE
YOU LENT
ME.

SO?

WHAT
DID YOU
NEED TO
DRAG
ME OUT
HERE
TO TALK
ABOUT?



HUH?



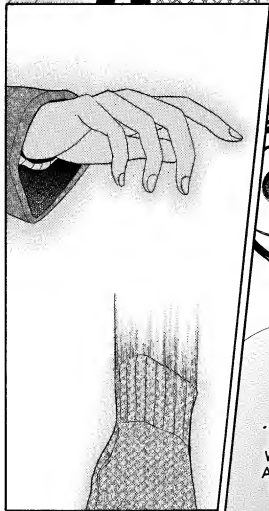
BUT I
CAN'T GIVE
THE GLOVE
BACK TO
YOU NOW.



...THE
START
OF OUR
RELATION-
SHIP.

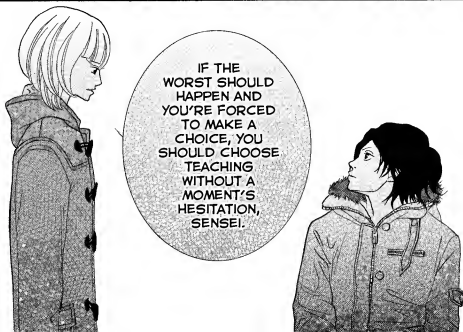
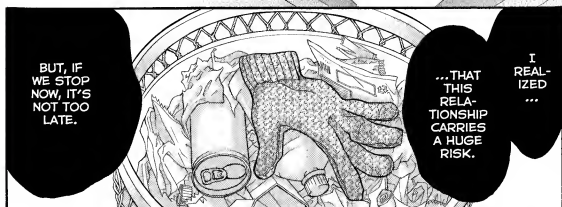
THE
GLOVES
WERE
REALLY...

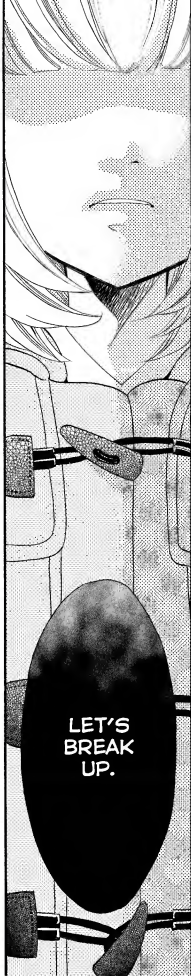
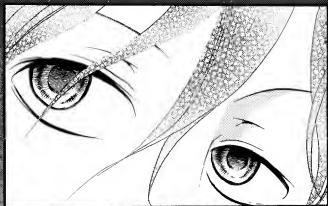
YEAH...



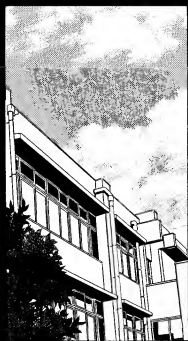
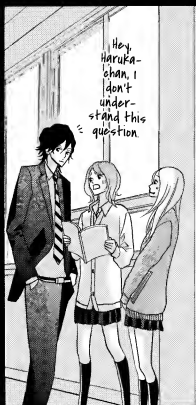
BECAUSE
...

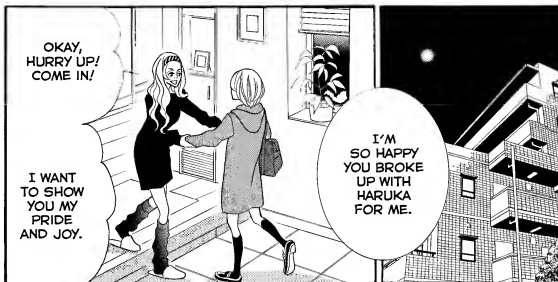
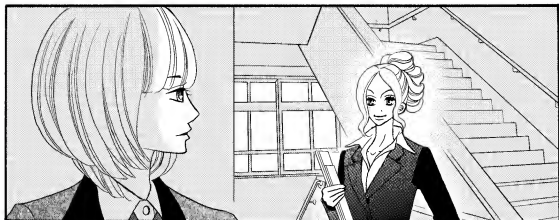
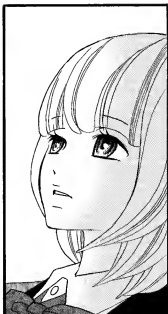
...I CAN'T
GO OUT
WITH YOU
ANYMORE,
SENSEI.

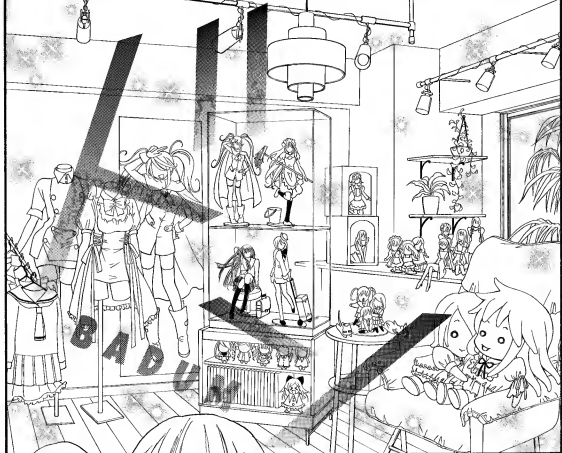




LET'S
BREAK
UP.







STARTING
TODAY,
YOU'LL BE A
PART OF THE
COLLECTION,
TOO!
♡

WHAT
DO
YOU
THINK?
GREAT,
ISN'T
IT?

I'LL
TAKE
LOTS OF
CUTE
PICTURES
OF YOU!

OKAY,
LET'S PLAY
DRESS UP
RIGHT
NOW!



AMAZING!

FLASH

2. LITTLE
WITCH GIRL

WILL
YOU
REALLY
...

SO
GOOD!

1.
PRINCESS



FLASH

UM...

?!
MZZZZ

...KEEP
QUIET
ABOUT THE
THING WITH
SAKURAI-
SENSEI?

OF
COURSE.

WHAT
ARE
YOU
DOING?

4.
SAILOR
SCHOOLGIRL

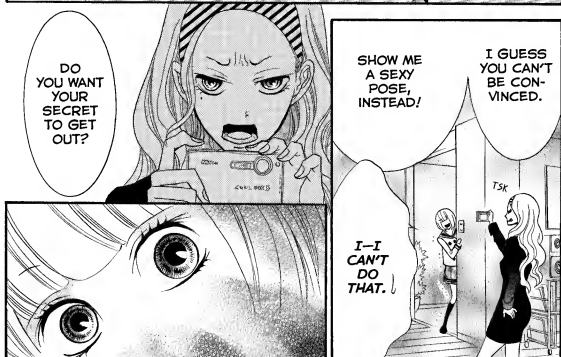
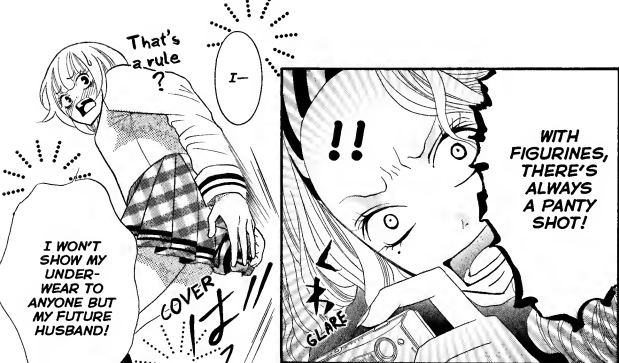


EXCELLENT!

FLASH

3. ANIMAL





*From a famous sketch by comedian Beat Takeshi.



...HAVE
TO KEEP
DOING
THIS
FOREVER?

Comāneki



THE
DICHOTOMY IS
SO GOOD!

ONE
MORE
TIME!



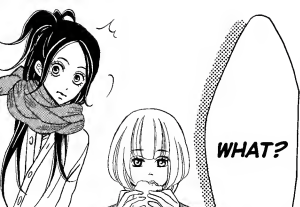
TH-
THAT'S
GREAT!

WILL
I...



IS THERE
NO OTHER
SOLUTION?





WHAT?



WHAT'S GOING ON?



I HAVE SOMEWHERE TO BE.

NOTE:
TODAY'S LUNCH IS PICNIC-STYLE SANDWICHES.

WHY ARE YOU SCARFING DOWN YOUR LUNCH LIKE THAT?

You look like a little animal



LET'S DO AN INSTANT REPLAY.

WAS IT?

THAT WAS A REAL BOMB-SHELL HARUKA-CCHI JUST DROPPED, WASN'T IT?



AND THE REASON YOU GAVE FOR NOT LENDING THEM TO ME WAS ...?



I SAID, "LEND ME THOSE BROWN GLOVES."

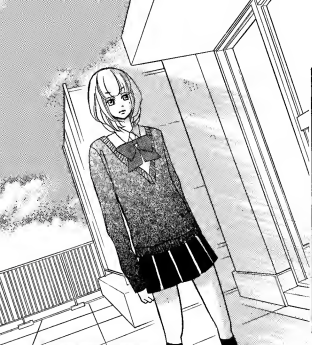
HUH?



**NO
WAY.**

**"THESE
WERE GIVEN
TO ME BY
SOMEONE VERY
IMPORTANT."**





KEEP ME
COMPANY
DURING
LUNCH
TODAY.

I'VE
BEEN
WAITING
FOR
YOU,
KURU-
RUGI-
SAN.



I CAN'T
DO THIS
STUFF
ANYMORE.

MINEFUJI-
SENSEI,



YOU
WANT
TO
BE EX-
POSED?

ARE
YOU
PLANNING
TO GET
BACK
TOGETHER
WITH
HIM?



HUH?

IT'S
FINE EVEN
IF WE DON'T
GET BACK
TOGETHER.

NO.

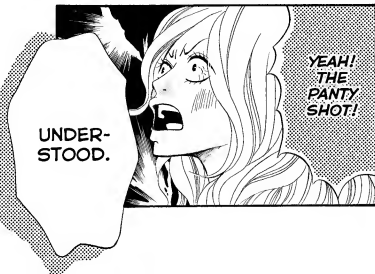


BUT
SAKURAI-
SENSEI
IS IN MY
HEART.



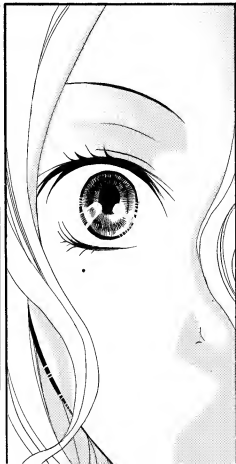
YOU
MEAN,
THAT
PICTURE,
RIGHT?

THIS
WON'T DO.
I STILL
HAVEN'T
GOTTEN
THE BEST
PICTURE.



UNDER-
STOOD.

YEAH!
THE
PANTY
SHOT!







WHAT
AN UTTER
DEFEAT.

I KNEW
YOU WERE
NO ORDINARY
GIRL.

BUT...

HEH

DUMBFOUNDED

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...



OKAY?

AND
IN EX-
CHANGE,
THIS WILL
BE THE
END OF
IT.



はー
ーぜん
GRAB

?!

...LET ME
GIVE YOU
A KISS TO
SEAL THE
DEAL!





MY,
HOW THE
TABLES
HAVE
TURNED.

!!



HUH?

I'VE BEEN
WAITING FOR A
CHANCE LIKE
THIS FOR A
WHILE NOW.



SENSEI...



Y-YOU'VE
GOT IT ALL
WRONG,
HARUKA!

LISTEN
CLOSELY.

DID YOU
REALLY
THINK I
DIDN'T
KNOW ABOUT
YOUR LITTLE
HOBBY,
MINEFUJI?



IF YOU
LAY YOUR
HANDS ON
MY GIRL
AGAIN, I'LL
EXPOSE
YOU.



UM...
YOU
FIGURED
OUT THAT
SOMEONE
WAS
THREATEN-
ING ME?



I'LL
MAKE
YOU MINE
SOMEDAY,
YUNI KURU-
RUGI!

I'M
STILL
NOT
GIVING
UP!



WELL,
I WAS
KIND OF
PISSED AT
YOU FOR
THROWING
THE GLOVE
AWAY.

YOU
COULD
HAVE
JUST TOLD
ME...

STEP STEP STEP STEP
スア スア スア スア

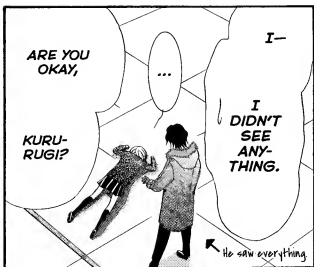


YEAH.



I-IT'S
NOT LIKE I
WANTED TO
THROW THEM
AWAY—







AND NO
MATTER
HOW WE
GET
THERE,
I'LL BE
OKAY
WITH IT.

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ーん
PERK

I'VE BEEN
THINKING
THAT, IF IT
WAS YOU,
BEING
TOGETHER
FOREVER
WOULDN'T BE
SO BAD.



LET'S
GET
MARRIED.

HUH?



WHAT
DO YOU
THINK?

THAT'S MY
VERSION OF A
PROPOSAL.



YUNI
KURU-
RUGI,
SIXTEEN
YEARS
OLD.

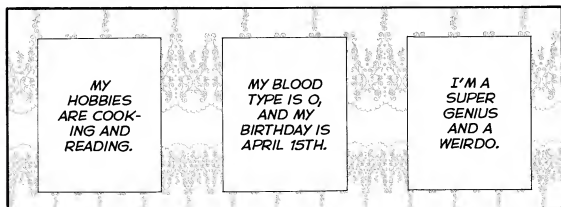


I HAVE THE
PERSONALITY
OF A HOT-
AND-COLD
GIRL.

I GUESS
I CAN DO
THAT FOR
YOU.

THAT'S
THE ANSWER
I EXPECTED.

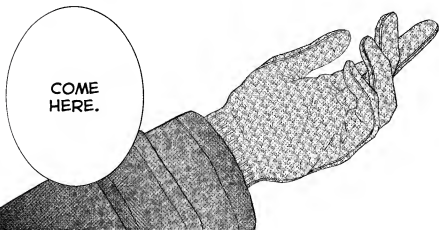
HMPH



MY
HOBBIES
ARE COOK-
ING AND
READING.

MY BLOOD
TYPE IS O,
AND MY
BIRTHDAY IS
APRIL 15TH.

I'M A
SUPER
GENIUS
AND A
WEIRDO.



COME
HERE..

AND
FROM
NOW
ON...

OKAY!

...IS MY
HOMEROOM
TEACHER,
HARUKA
SAKURAI-
SENSEI.

...MY
BOY-
FRIEND
...



Love's Reach

TO BE CONTINUED IN LOVE'S REACH VOLUME 2

DATA

Born April 15th
Sixteen years old
Blood type O

High-school 1st year
Height: 155 cm (about 5 ft)
Weight: 40 kg (about 88 lbs)

HOBBIES: Reading, Cooking
SPECIAL SKILLS: She's a super-genius,
so pretty much everything.

FAVORITE MUSIC:
J-pop from the 70s and 80s
CHAGE and ASKA

FAVORITE MOVIES:
The classics

FAVORITE ANIME:
Lupin III (especially the second series)

FAVORITE AUTHOR:
Dostoyevsky

FAVORITE WORD OR QUOTE:
 Φ phi

FAVORITE CELEBRITY:
...Haruka Sakurai

ROMANTIC EXPERIENCE: Practically none

NOTES: Always wears a black
cat hairpin.

YUNI KURURUGI



THE MOST HOT-AND-COLD GIRL IN HISTORY

DATA

Born October 7th
Twenty-four years old
Blood type AB

English teacher
Height: 182 cm (about 6 ft)
Weight: 67 kg (about 148 lbs)

HOBBIES: Movie connoisseur,
ZIPPO collecting
SPECIAL SKILLS: Watching English
movies without subtitles

FAVORITE MUSIC:
Western music in general
(Especially Oasis)

FAVORITE MOVIES:
The Star Wars series

FAVORITE ANIME:
World Masterpiece Theater

FAVORITE AUTHOR:
Shusaku Endo

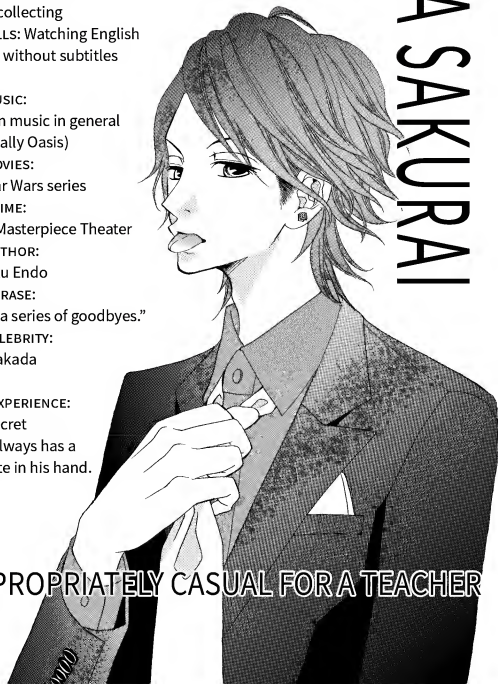
FAVORITE PHRASE:
"Life is a series of goodbyes."

FAVORITE CELEBRITY:
Junji Takada

ROMANTIC EXPERIENCE:
It's a secret

NOTES: He always has a
cigarette in his hand.

HARUKA SAKURAI



INAPPROPRIATELY CASUAL FOR A TEACHER

LINER NOTES

Thank you so much for buying Volume 1 of Love's Reach.

Since these are liner notes, I thought I'd talk a little bit about the project. Is that okay with you?

...Then I'll get started. Hey, don't close the book!

Originally, I planned for Yuni to be a completely ordinary girl.

My idea was that an extremely average girl who doesn't stand out would fall in love with her popular teacher. Then I was like "Well, how about that?" and "What's going on with this part?" And before I knew it, she turned into a total weirdo.

In a fit of desperation, I went with a "despite appearances, she's actually..." style of drawing, and that's how things ended up.

It surprised me, but the result was that people embraced the character, so I'm really happy!

No, really, I'm glad. I get to continue to Volume 2.

Before this I was the type who did non-serialized stories, so I was constantly hyped up Toshihiko Seki-style, like "There are going to be climaxes from beginning to end!" But on the other hand, it was also a bit depressing to think that my story could end at any time. So it goes both ways.

When I'd get down in the dumps, my older brother would stick boogers on me. And then he'd leave like nothing happened. That's a true story.

Back to the topic at hand!

That's how hard I've been working, so I really hope you'll pick up the next volume as well! That would show real love.

January 2008, Rin Mikimoto

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